tribal areas of Gujarat is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the aforesaid scheme is likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) to (c) The details of a scheme of Assured Employment in the revamped Public Distribution System (PDS) Blocks throughout the country including Gujarat are being worked out by the Government. The tribal areas are a part of the revamped PDS Blocks and the scheme is likely to benefit the youths in these areas. The scheme is likely to be implemented during the current year.

Setting up Cold Storage in Madhya Pradesh

4369. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal of the government of Madhya Pradesh for setting up of cold storage in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal pending with the Government of India for setting up of cold storage units in Madhya Pradesh. However, the National Cooperative Development Corporation has provided financial assistance of Rs. 4.60 crores for establishment of 15 Cooperative Cold Storages in the State with total capacity of 63,750 tonne upto 31-3-1993.

Construction of Link Roads in U. P.

4370. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government propose to set-up the Schemes relating to the construction of link roads in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) to (c) The construction of rural roads is a part of Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) in the state sector and funds for this programme are provided in the State Plan/Budget.

Proper Utilization of JRY Funds

4371. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a newsitem in the Indian Express captioned 'JRY makes cottage industry of graft' dated 22-7-93;

(b) whether Government are aware that the JRY scheme is not being properly utilised all over the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the attention of the Ministry of Rural Development has been drawn to such graft for the past two years;

(d) whether any punitive action has been advised by Government of India against Sarpanches and Mukhias who are responsible; and

(e) the details of the directions sent in this matter to State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A few complaints have been received by Government of India regarding misuse/mis-appropriation of JRY funds by Sarpanches, Mukhias and others involved in the execution of JRY works. It will not however be correct to say that JRY is not being properly utilised all over the country.

(d) and (e) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana is a decentralised programme of Rural Employment implemented by over 450 Districts Rural Development Agencies (DRDA)/Zilla Parishad (ZP) and 2,20,000 Gram Panchayats. In view of the large number of agencies planning and implementing the programme, safeguards have been provided under the JRY manual to ensure that funds are properly utilised for the purpose for which they are allotted. In addition, directions have been given to the State Governments, DRDAs/ZPs and village panchayats in regard to the system of checks and balances to be followed under JRY to minimise the mis-appropriation/mis-utilisation of JRY funds. The account of DRDAs/ZPs/Village Panchayats are subjected to a regular audit. The